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Principal Peter Harris on the visit of Sampha who was once captain of music at Ewell Castle School

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Mercury winner's 'inspirational' visit

Reporter
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Mercury Prize-winning musician Sampha Sisay returned to his old school to open its new music pavilion and performing arts centre.

Sampha was captain of music at Ewell Castle School, where he studied A-level Music, took piano lessons and was part of the jazz band before leaving in 2007 to embark on his career in music. During the visit on Friday, November 24, he gave an impromptu question and answer session with sixth form students, telling them not to give up on their dreams and stressing the importance of self-belief.

Principal Peter Harris said: "We were delighted when Sampha found time in his busy schedule to come and officially open our music pavilion. It was a pleasure to welcome him back and he enjoyed speaking to his former teachers and current pupils, including those study-

ing GCSE and A Level Music. His visit has certainly inspired many and it will be remembered for a long time to come."

At the school, Sampha met the current captain of music, Edward Smith, who is at associate diploma level on the trumpet, and currently applying for specialist music colleges.

He began playing trumpet aged 8, and is following in Sampha's footsteps not only as music captain, but also by joining in with the long tradition of brass, woodwind and jazz bands at the school. Sampha won the Mercury Prize this year for his debut album Process, beating records by Ed Sheeran, Stormzy and alt-J. He was born in Morden to Sierra Leonean parents, and first found his way to music by learning piano at home.

Later, his older brother made himself a home studio and he discovered music production.

The performing arts academy will allow the school to offer timetabled training for sixth form students in dance, drama and music, following a syllabus from Trinity College London.

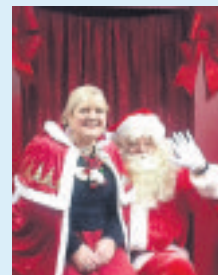


Sampha Sisay with current captain of music Edward Smith

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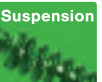
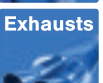


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Tributes to councillor

Tributes have been paid to a much-loved Sutton councillor who has passed away aged 45.

Liberal Democrat Cllr Adrian Davey was first elected in May 2010 to serve the residents of Stonecot ward.

Amna Ahmad, Liberal Democrat campaigner, told Sutton Guardian: "Adrian will be greatly missed by all of us in Sutton and in the Liberal Democrats.

"He was a passionate, caring and kind man who did so much for his community and for the most vulnerable in our area.

"I will miss his amusing insights, smiles and laughter in particular. At this most difficult of times we are all thinking of his wife and young daughters, and ask for their privacy so they have time and space to grieve."

The Mayor of Sutton, Jean Crossby, said: "Adrian was a highly respected councillor and member of the local community. As well as representing his residents, and serving on a number of council committees, he worked for the Sutton Clinical Commissioning Group within the NHS and served as a governor at Cheam Park Farm Junior School.

"Adrian was passionate about equalities and was a true cham-



pion of diversity.

"He challenged discrimination and stigma in every walk of life and lead by example with his open, compassionate and inclusive attitude towards everyone he met.

"His understanding and expertise in mental health issues was outstanding and we all learnt a lot from him. We will all miss him greatly.

"I extend the condolences of everyone at Sutton Council in tribute to a dear colleague and friend. Our heartfelt sympathies and thoughts go out to his family, his wife and his young daughters".

It's understood Cllr Davey had been suffering from an illness.

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Saffi, six, was absolutely thrilled the first time she saw her face on St Helen's Farm goat milk cartons at Kiln Road Sainsbury's

Six-year-old girl gets chance to milk it on cartons

A six-year-old girl from Epsom will appear on more than one million milk cartons across the UK.

Saffi Hill is the new face of St Helen's Farm Goats' Milk, and that's perfect because she doesn't like cow's milk - in fact she's intolerant to it.

Saffi said: "I started drinking St Helen's Farm goat's milk after trying a few different kinds of milk. My parents found that this one suited me the best and I love the fresh and creamy taste too!"

"I used to have quite bad eczema on my hands but drinking it as an alternative to cow's milk seems to help a lot. My sister

and I love the Goat's cheese too!"

Saffi was reading a St Helen's carton at breakfast one day when she saw a story about a woman who loves goats' milk and decided she wanted to be featured next.

Her mum wrote an email to the company, dictated by Saffi, and they took a picture and sent it off before they left for school.

Not only was Saffi's story put on the website, she will also have a video shoot on the Facebook page and be interviewed by the BBC on Monday.

Mum Michelle Hill, said: "Since switching, Saffi's diet hasn't been as restricted. As

a family, we can now have the same meals so it's more inclusive for her, she loves her mashed potato.

"Breakfast time is extra special as she can still have her cereals, porridge with toast and butter.

"From a health perspective, it also means that she is getting the calcium and nutrients she needs which makes me even happier!"

According to St Helen's Farm, people who struggle to digest cows' milk can often consume goats' milk without any problems.

Endangered tigers ready for a new home

A family of four endangered tigers are coming to Chessington World of Adventures, to live in a new multi-million-pound attraction.

Currently living in Sweden, the amur tigers will become the stars of Land of the Tiger, which will open in spring 2018.

Russell Bowes, zoo operations director, said: "This is huge news for us here. We've been working tirelessly to make sure our tiger quartet will settle in perfectly to their new home, and we can't wait to welcome Olga, Tsar, Kalinka and Kyra to Chessington."

The enclosure will feature overhead trails, meaning visitors will be able to see the tigers from a new perspective as they walk above their heads.

Mr Bowes said: "With three trails connecting three habitats, this is the first enclosure of its kind in Europe, giving the foursome - who, like domestic cats, enjoy surveying their surroundings from up high - the opportunity to roam and explore as they would naturally."

There will be the opportunity to join carnivore keepers for experiences with the tigers, and a log flume will also be built at the attraction.

Eighteen months have gone into the preparation and design of Land of the Tiger, which is the zoo's largest investment in five years.



Commuters hit as bus drivers on strike

Planned walk-out will affect 18 routes

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Bus drivers in the Epsom area will go on strike this Monday (December 4) when around 18 bus routes could be affected, including those used by hospital staff and school children.

The striking drivers are all members of the RMT union (Rail, Maritime and Transport) and are based at Epsom's Quality Line depot, on Roy Richmond Way.

They say they are striking because their employer, Quality Lane RATP Group, is not recognising RMT as the union of choice of most of its drivers.

An RMT member said members were "confident that very few, if any, buses will leave Epsom Garage" during the strike and said it was regrettable that the public had to suffer because of a "weak and inflexible" management.

Routes affected include the 467 school days service which runs between Epsom Hook and Hinchley Wood School, and the S3 which runs between Sutton Hospital and Malden Manor station.

A Quality Line RATP spokesman said he hoped the majority of services would still be running and said the firm was committed to working "collaboratively" with trade union partners.

He said: "We have a long, well-established relationship with Unite at London United and London Sovereign and have recently extended that relationship to our Quality Line garage in Epsom. Every effort will be made to keep any disruption to a minimum."

"We are working hard to make sure we can deliver a reliable service for customers and are confident that we will be able to run the majority of our services."

The following routes will be

affected on Monday (December 4):

- 404 Caterham-on-the-Hill to Coulsdon
- 406 Epsom to Kingston
- 411 Kingston to West Molesey
- 413 Morden station to Sutton
- 418 Kingston to Epsom
- 463 Pollards Hill to Coulsdon
- 465 Kingston to Dorking
- 467 Epsom Hook and Hinchley Wood School (School days)
- 470 Colliers Wood to Epsom
- 633 Wallington County Grammar School to Coulsdon South station
- 641 Teddington School to West Molesey
- S1 Mitcham to Banstead
- S3 Sutton Hospital to Malden Manor station
- K5 Morden Ham
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Festive places you've grotto go to

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It's nearly December, which can only mean one thing - Santa is coming.

Despite being a very busy man he's going to be putting in appearances at various places in our area over the next few weeks.

We have a list of where you can find him in the different grottos that his elves are setting up.

Kew Gardens - November 22 to January 1

Kew Gardens is the perfect place to take the whole family, whether you want to sit on Santa's knee or not. From November 22 to January 1, between 5pm and 10pm, the Royal Botanic Garden will be transformed into an after-dark light show. As well as watching the mesmerising lights, you can spot Santa and his elves along the festive trail.

The Glades, Bromley - Open until December 24

The Glades has so many amazing Christmas events happening this year and of course Santa is dropping by to say hello. Visit ADVENTureland and see Santa and his elves before the big day. Your adventure will culmi-

nate in meeting Santa, where you can take your own pictures. Children will leave with a souvenir, certificate and sticker from Santa.

Bluewater - Open until December 24

It is not just a magical grotto at Bluewater this year; treat the little ones to a festive journey. They will be welcomed by Mr Crumb the Christmas Chef and will be magically transformed into elves to help Mr Crumb make a gingerbread man. Then they will enjoy creating a tree decoration with Mrs Claus in her magical craft room, then meet the man himself and receive a lovely soft toy to take home.

Hyde Park Winter Wonderland - Open until January 1

Christmas at Hyde Park is always a huge deal. Entry to Winter Wonderland is free, and for children there is Santa Land, where they can meet Santa in his very festive grotto. And don't forget about all the Christmas shows once you've met the man of the hour. Winter Wonderland is open every day except Christmas Day.

Greenwich Wintertime Festival - December 1 to December 31

This December, Santa will be flying his sleigh into the beautiful grounds of the Old Naval College to provide a



Don't forget to check the dates of the Grottos near you

captivating and unique theatrical performance at his very own Christmas Launch Pad.

Battersea Park Zoo - December 2 to 10 and 15 to 24

Explore Santa's animal lair at Battersea Park Zoo, where you can tell him what you want for Christmas, have your picture taken and receive

a small gift and Christmas treat.

Painshill Park, Cobham, Kent - December 2 to 24

Find Santa's beautiful

Crystal Grotto at Painshill Park. Pick up an activity pack at the Christmas Wishing Tent, and then follow the elves to share your wishes and receive a gift from Santa surrounded by shining stalactites.

Eddie Catz, Wimbledon - December 16 to 23

Santa's made his base in a playcentre at Eddie Catz in Wimbledon. Write a letter to Santa with his elves, make a bag of reindeer food for Rudolph, receive a luxury plush toy from Father Christmas in person plus a framed photo of your child's visit.

Hobbledown, Epsom - Nov 25 - Dec 24

The Traditional Christmas grotto returns for another year of festive fun and general merriment with Santa. The price includes a gift, personalised souvenir photo keyring and candy cane, plus as many photos as you'd like to take with Santa.

Chessington World of Adventures - December 2-3, 9-10, 18-24

Visit Chessington's Winter Tail and enjoy a festive day out with the animals, Santa and the Gruffalo. For a day ticket you can do special Gruffalo activities and go on selected rides, entry to Santa's grotto, receive an early gift, entry to the zoo and the SEA LIFE centre.

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Christmas begins at the Ashley Centre in Epsom

Brightening things up for Christmas

The countdown to Christmas began in Epsom and Ewell with the lights being switched on at the Market Place and the Ashley Centre.

The mayor, Councillor Liz Frost, switched the Christmas tree and clock tower lights on at 7pm on Thursday, November 23, at an event that raised £354.91 for the mayor's charities – Citizens Advice Epsom and Ewell, The Sunnybank Trust and the Lower Mole Countryside Trust.

Hundreds of people also flocked to The Ashley Centre on Saturday, November 18 to take part in the free entertainment, music and annual Christmas lights

switch-on show.

Stilt walkers, face painters, balloon modellers and roaming entertainers kept visitors enthralled throughout the day before the Epsom Playhouse pantomime Cinderella cast arrived to perform for the crowd.

They were joined by Father Christmas and Ashley Bear to turn the festive lights on.

On Sunday, November 19, children came in dressed as a prince or princess and had their photos taken in the magical Cinderella carriage – three lucky families then won tickets to the pantomime.

End of an era for top hotel?

Chalk Lane could be turned into homes

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Chalk Lane Hotel could be turned into homes, if Epsom and Ewell Council approves a new planning application.

The hotel, in Chalk Lane, Epsom, currently has 21 rooms, and the plans include 21 flats, with between one and four bedrooms, as well as space for cars and bicycles, and a communal garden at the rear.

The roadside front of the building would remain unchanged by the proposals.

There are listed buildings on the site, which the applicant – Burlington Developments London – has said would be protected.

Chalk Lane Hotel has two conjoined buildings, Woodcote Cottage and Heathcote House.

A cottage, possibly Woodcote Cottage, is recorded on



Chalk Lane Hotel

Picture: Google Maps

the site as early as 1711, and Heathcote House dates from the late nineteenth century.

Epsom Guardian contacted the hotel, but the owner was

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A decision on the application is expected by February 20, 2018.

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BID hopes for high street

Epsom High Street retailers could soon be introducing a Business Improvement District, known as a BID, to help attract visitors from farther afield.

The scheme would see businesses contributing money for joint marketing schemes and exciting public events to turn Epsom High Street into a honeypot for shoppers.

More than 350 busi-

nesses in Epsom are currently voting on the issue, which needs a majority of 51 per cent to be passed.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have already said it is voting yes, and the BID is also said to be supported by Epsom Downs Racecourse.

Councillor Neil Dallan, deputy mayor for Epsom and Ewell, said: "We're certainly in favour of

the BID, it's a fantastic opportunity, not just for businesses but the area."

The proposed five-year vision, sent out to the participating businesses, includes plans to get Epsom recognised as a zone six area for Oyster card users.

The ballot closes at 5pm on Wednesday December 13 and the results will be announced the next day.

Woman enjoyed centenary at care home

Celebrations as former teacher turns a hundred

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A passionate primary school teacher who grew up in Wimbledon and worked most of her life in Sutton has turned 100 years old.

Pauline Oates, who was born on November 26, 1917, celebrated her centenary year at her care home in Banstead on Sunday.

Her niece, Margaret Jones, 70, organised a birthday party at the Sunrise of Banstead nursing home.

She said beforehand: "Pauline sometimes asks 'how old am I going to be' and I reply saying she will be 100. She just can't believe it."

"13 of her close friends are going to Sunrise on Sunday and we



Pauline Oates celebrates her 100th birthday

will be taking bits and pieces for her. My son is a chef in London and he is doing the cake."

Pauline served as a primary school teacher at Gander Green Lane for over 30 years and even

travelled to Canada as part of an exchange.

Her niece said Pauline has a great sense of humour and is well loved in Sutton and Wimbledon.

She added: "We asked her the other day what was one of her favourite things. She said it was going out at playtime with the children."

"In the end she was teaching the children of pupils she used to have. When she left Gander Green Lane they made an amazing scrapbook for her and told her how much they loved her teaching."

Pauline never married and is visited regularly by her niece Margaret.

Margaret, more affectionately known as Maggie, also praised the staff of Sunrise in Banstead who have looked after her aunt for 11 years.

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Jack and the Beanstalk returns to Leatherhead Theatre for Christmas 2017

Bargains galore for our panto stars

Fee-fi-fo-fum – I smell...a bargain?
Cast and crew of this year's panto at Leatherhead Theatre - Jack and The Beanstalk - are appearing in the Christmas special of Bargain Hunt.
The episode will be aired on December 8 and will feature "carol singing, lots of panto madness and the odd Christmas hat".
Writer and Director Tom Beard said: "As producers of the panto, we managed to get through the stringent vetting procedures that involved be daft enough

to go on and being prepared to look a bit silly and make it onto the Christmas Special! We finished filming our episode last week which was a lot of fun.
"I'm not allowed to say how we did, but eagle eyed fans of the show might spot a couple of clues in the picture."
The pantomime stars the cream of Leatherhead's very own children's talent and Allison Ferns, presenter on BBC Surrey, is playing the part of Fairy Bluebell – showing off how good she really is 'on air'.

Zulu royalty pay respects

Group visits grave of Zulu war soldier

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Zulu royalty visited Epsom Cemetery to pay respects to Lieutenant Colonel Northey who fought in the Anglo-Zulu war and died at the Battle of Gingindlovu.
The special guests included Her Royal Highness Princess Zama-Zulu Shange, Princess Pakamile Shange and Prince Ngaba of the Zulu Royal House, who are descendants from one of the Zulu commanders at Gingindlovu.
The Northey family also attended, making Wednesday's ceremony one of reconciliation for the families who were fighting on both sides on that fateful day, April 2 1879.
Lt Col Northey died after being hit in the right shoulder by a Zulu bullet, although he went to the surgeon who removed the bullet instead of resting he went back to sup-



Lt Col Northey died after being hit by a Zulu bullet during the Battle of Gingindlovu
port his men.
As he cheered his men on, he suffered a sudden haemorrhage and collapsed, bleeding heavily from his brachial artery. He died four days later, on the April 6.
The ceremony took place in the Northey enclosure at 12.30pm and included the playing of the last post and a volley fired over the grave.
A guard of honour was formed of member of Victorian military re-enactors.



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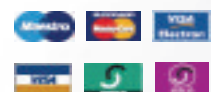
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Headmaster Ian Thorpe with pupils

School plans expansion to GCSEs

A private school for pupils aged two to 13 in Leatherhead is set to expand to offer GCSEs.

Downsend School which already operates a prep and pre-prep will include a Senior School from September 2020, educating boys and girls up to Year 11, seeing them through a three-year GCSE programme.

The school's owner Cognita has made an initial investment of £3 million.

Headmaster Ian Thorpe said: "Over recent years, so many of our parents have expressed genuine sadness that their children could not continue at Downsend beyond Year 8.

"We are delighted to remedy this and immensely proud to be bringing about

this next phase of Downsend School's history."

The initial £3million capital investment will be used to develop and enhance Downsend's site and

curriculum across the next three years. At the heart of this will be a new Creative Arts Centre as well

as numerous improvements and additions across the school in readiness to welcome Year 9 pupils

from September 2020.

In 2016 and 2017 Downsend had a 100 per cent Common Entrance success rate and since 2014 pupils have gained 190 Senior School Scholarships.

Pupils take on roles of nurses

Event part of national takeover day

Reporter

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Children from Woodlands School in Leatherhead took over the roles of school nurses as part of the Children's Commissioner Takeover Day 2017.

The pupils used professional equipment to carry out blood pressure readings and height measurements as well as temperature and eye examinations on nurses and their classmates November 27.

The Takeover Challenge puts young people into decision-making positions and encourages organisations and businesses to hear their views.

Sarah Baker, from Children and Family Health Surrey, said: "Children have a lot to offer. Their ideas are often sharper, more concise and spontaneous than those of



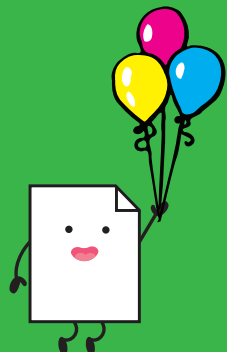
Leatherhead Woodlands School children are nurses for the day as part of Takeover 2017

adults.

"This annual event is a fantastic opportunity to really get children involved in the world of work, and to showcase how things happen behind the scenes and the difference their contribution makes."

Originally launched in 2007, Commissioner's Takeover has involved hundreds of organisations and thousands of young people getting involved, having fun, learning new skills and exercising their right to speak up on the issues that affect them.

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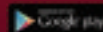
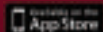


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Remembering Balfour

In the last few weeks across the country celebrations have taken place to mark the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The declaration was a public statement issued by the British Government during World War One announcing support for the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine. The letter sent by Arthur James Balfour was important as it recognised the right of the Jewish people to self-determination. The modern state of Israel was established on 14 May 1948. We should mark with pride the role that Britain played in helping the establishment of the only true democracy in the Middle East. Sadly, those who claim to represent the interests of the Palestinian people blame Israel, Britain and others for not having a state, while ignoring their own culpability. Had the Arab nations accepted the 1947 United Nations partition agreement there would be a Palestinian State now. There would have been no wars in 1948, 1967 and 1973 and there would have been no loss of life in the countless terror attacks that have taken place since. If the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, would correctly recognise Balfour today as a positive step towards Jewish statehood, and not be so embittered by the failure of his own leadership to achieve sovereignty for his people, it would be a step towards peace in this troubled region.

Michael McCann

No increase in trains

Calum Rutter claims that South Western Railway's proposed new timetable "would mean a large increase in services into London". It won't. The service between Leatherhead and Waterloo every 15 minutes is exactly the same as it has been for several years, as is the half of that service that serves Dorking, although the timings are slightly different. The only proposed increase in services is on Sunday afternoons.

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picture of the week



All done! Myself and five others spent a couple hours up here the other morning. We cut the grass and tried to get some stripes on it, edged, cleaned up all the moss under the benches and on the memorial. I also put down a winter fertiliser to keep it going during the cold months. I will give it a weed killer in the spring as it's too cold now. If you have a Borough View picture you would like to be considered for publication email it to pwarnar@london.newsquest.co.uk

Well done to everyone who made it a fantastic evening

After having such a great time at the Hook Arena fireworks earlier this month I felt I wanted to express my thanks publicly via your newspaper and congratulate them on such a marvellous evening.

Massive congratulations to the 7th Epsom (Methodist)

Scout Group and the whole team for the highly imaginative 46th firework display at Hook Arena on Saturday.

The innovative idea to accompany the fireworks with music worked superbly. The bonfire was spectacular and

also the funfair.

The organisation and safety procedures worked well so that the thousands who attended had a good time and local charities benefited from the event too.

I am sure for their 50th year of entertainment in 2021 they

will surpass themselves but in the meantime we all have next year's event to look forward to!

Amanda Borwick (Mrs.)
Oakhurst Road
West Ewell
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Who's responsible for road repair cock-ups?

Crikey, the cycling lobby is a ferocious beast with a hefty chip on its shoulder. But harangue me all you like, I still maintain cycling two abreast in narrow country lanes is irresponsible. And why you think a lollipop woman is required to hold up traffic on zebra crossings, where drivers are already required to stop, I do not know? Anyhow, maintaining an on-the-road theme I was contacted recently by a lovely gentleman who described an issue in his street.

Charles Humphreys was left fuming when his journey to work was delayed every day for more than a week – despite no work whatsoever being carried out on the road. How many times have you driven through long stretches



EDITOR'S
VIEW

of roadworks without seeing work being done?

In this case Thames Water installed temporary traffic lights and set up a line of cones to repair a leaking pipe. However, it never had permission to carry out the work and as a result nothing was done for more than a week, despite causing traffic jams holding up thousands of people for at least half an hour every day.

A spokesman for Thames Water said it was a "breakdown in communications".

In fact, Thames Water had sub-

mitted a Streetworks permit to the local council to carry out the work but it was refused and the job was aborted.

The company has since apologised for the mistake but Mr Humphreys says this is not good enough considering the thousands of hours of everybody's wasted time. I have to say I agree with him wholeheartedly.

How many other times is this happening across south London and how many people are having their journeys made a complete misery by such thoughtless action?

In this case the council ordered the company to remove the temporary signals and issued a fixed penalty notice to Thames Water.

Mr Humphreys said: "I think

this is symptomatic of what so goes on with our roads: a lack of accountability of those in charge and inconsiderate and poorly managed road works that wreak havoc to traffic. The other issue is the poor quality of road/tarmac repairs left behind, which result in future potholes. This is also another big on-going issue - a nice road is dug up only to be re-laid by feckless workmen."

He believes authorities should be held to account for major cock ups like this. I agree, what do you think?

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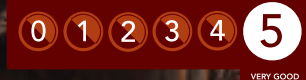
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John, much loved husband, father, grandfather died peacefully at Princess Alice Hospice on 17th November aged 82. Donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice.

TERRY EVANS

Died 17th November.

Will be missed by all family and friends.

Terry was a popular Charge Nurse at Horton Hospital where he worked for 36 years before he retired to Bala, North Wales in 1997.

The burial service will be held at Bala on Tuesday 5th December at 2.30pm at the Bala Catholic Church.

JONES EVELYN IVY

of Ewell, Epsom, Surrey
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Passed away on 16th November aged 95 years.

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Deaths



SHEILA MORRIS

Passed away on 14 October 2017 aged 84.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2001, she experienced seven Surrey care homes from 2011 onwards.

She is much missed by Ian, Paula and Clive.

The funeral was on 20 November.

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Three schools make top 10

Three schools have hit the headlines after achieving excellent A-level and GCSE results this year.

Wilson's School, Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls were included in the Sunday Times' top 10 list for the best state secondary schools in Greater London.

Nathan Cole, head of fourth placed Wilson's, told Sutton Guardian: "Schools are about mu-

tual endeavour.

"As such I am delighted that our staff and students have achieved academic outcomes that stand head and shoulders above the overwhelming majority of schools – state and independent – in the country."

Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls, which are both part of the Nonsuch and Wallington Education Trust (NWET), finished ninth and tenth

respectively.

Jane Burton, CEO of NWET, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be amongst the top 10 schools in the capital."

"These results are due to the hard work of the staff and students across both schools, the support provided by our parents and the expertise and collaboration in girls' education that the NWET provides." The two schools joined together in September 2015.

Stolen four-by-four vehicle used in break-in



Police were called to the Co-op in Ruxley Lane at 4.15am Picture: Google Maps/Streetview

Cash machine targeted during Co-op ram raid

Reporter
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A group of balaclava-wearing men have "ram-raided a cash machine" in Ewell.

Police were called to reports

of men stealing the machine from the Co-op in Ruxley Lane at 4.15am on November 27.

Armed police searched the street but could not find the suspects, although a red Mitsubishi four-by-four that is believed to have been used was found abandoned

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great gig with Tommy Castro and The Painkillers, Aynsley Lister and Voodoo Sharks.

The Alter Eagles, The Boom Boom Club, The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane Sutton, SM1 2EY, Friday, December 1, doors 7.30pm. Tickets £12/£13. For more details visit feenstra.co.uk

Glorious FOOD

Enjoy a mouth-watering Christmas at Hampton Court Palace with the return of BBC Good Food's Festive FEAST...

With the holiday season upon us, there's no better way to kick-start Christmas than a visit to BBC Good Food's Festive FEAST.

The event is fittingly held in the atmospheric courtyards of Hampton Court Palace, the former home of notorious food-lover King Henry VIII. Hosted in partnership with independent charity Historic Royal Palaces, BBC Good Food's Festive FEAST promises to be the perfect start to the yuletide celebrations.

For those looking to pick up some top culinary tips, the Feast Kitchen will be available for visitors to learn from chefs and experts whilst watching them take part in live cookery demonstrations.

All sessions are included in admission, with the line-up boasting Anjula Devi, author of *Spice For Life*, Marcus Bean, regular chef on ITV's *This Morning*, and Limahl Asmail, founder of the Tiny Budget Cooking website, plus BBC Good Food's very own cookery

team, and many more still to be announced.

Once the FEAST Kitchen has set tummies rumbling, it's time to grab some food at one of the many food stalls and pop-up bars within the historic courtyards. From artisan sausage rolls to steaming hot churros, there's something to suit all taste buds.

A trip to Festive FEAST wouldn't be complete without picking up a souvenir or two to take home, and with a whole host of hand-picked artisan producers and companies, it's the perfect place to pick up a seasonal treat. For evening shoppers, the Twilight Shopping ticket is available on Friday and Saturday evenings from 4 to 7pm. The perfect chance to grab some last minute gifts, the ticket costs £5 and excludes palace entry.

Brand new for 2017 is the VIP experience, where visitors can sip on unlimited fizz in the VIP Courtyard, take part in exclusive workshops, get reserved front row seats in the

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With free entry to Hampton Court Palace's spectacular State Apartments included with standard tickets, it's the perfect occasion to explore the palace's magnificent surroundings, including the world's oldest puzzle maze, the largest grapevine on the planet and over 65 acres of beautiful formal gardens.

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BBC Good Food's Festive FEAST, December 8 – 10, included in palace admission / £5 admission for Festive Feast Twilight Shopping. More details at hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace



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FILM CHOICE

WONDER (PG): Lovingly adapted from the award-winning 2012 novel by RJ Palacio, *Wonder* is an exquisitely calibrated drama eschews mawkish sentimentality but still has us weeping uncontrollably by the end credits. An elegant script penned by director Stephen Chbosky, Steve Conrad and Jack Thorne confidently navigates the choppy emotional waters that threaten to separate four members of a Manhattan family, who have learnt the hard way that beauty comes from within. A simple bookmark structure alternates between narrators, exposing chinks in the characters' armour as they wrestle with insecurities and learn life lessons from a 10-year-old boy (Jacob Tremblay) with a rare genetic syndrome, which has resulted in 27 agonising surgeries to rebuild his face. Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson are an appealing parental double-act and Izabela Vidovic beautifully illuminates the guilt that gnaws at her older sister. The two-hour running time passes with copious laughter and tears. Only a stone cold heart will be able to resist the film's sincere and heartfelt charms.

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS (PG): Putting aside the veracity of the title, *The Man Who Invented Christmas* is a family-friendly jaunt that melds historical fact and literary fantasy à la Shakespeare in Love. The halls of Susan Coyne's script are decked in Victorian-era period detail and unabashed sentimentality, drawing parallels between Dickens' upbringing and Ebenezer Scrooge's painful journey of self-realisation. Downtown Abbey pin-up Dan Stevens adopts a shaggy mane, not too dissimilar from his flowing locks in *Beauty And The Beast*, as one of the titans of English literature, whose career was in the doldrums before Jacob Marley's ghostly chains rattled in his imagination. Bharat Nalluri's film is both comforting and achingly familiar, wringing out decent laughs in scenes where Christopher Plummer's acid-tongued miser belittles the author, who gave birth to him. The overriding tone is saccharine, so audiences won't need to buy anything from the concessions stand to get a full-blast sugar fix.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES (12A): Husband and wife

directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris serve-and-volley a fine romance in their dramatisation of the televised 1973 match between Billie Jean King (Emma Stone) and Bobby Riggs (Steve Carell), which was billed as a showdown of youth versus experience as much as a battle of the sexes.

Or as Riggs pithily summarises the rivalry in the film: "Male chauvinistic pig versus hairy-legged feminist, no offence." Scriptwriter Simon Beaufoy, who previously penned *The Full Monty* and *Slumdog Millionaire*, elegantly navigates the personal lives of the two protagonists as he explores gender inequalities and sexual identity in the run-up to the winner-takes-all contest at the Houston Astrodome in Texas. It's a sophisticated, crowd-pleasing rally of heartache and triumph against adversity, underpinned by universal messages of acceptance and respect.

SUBURBICON (15): A bungled home invasion in a pristine, picket-fenced 1950s American community provides the catalyst for George Clooney's darkly comic crime caper starring Matt Damon as a family man, who conceals dark secrets from his young son (Noah Jupe). Based on a script by Oscar-winning siblings Joel and Ethan Coen, which has been gathering dust on a shelf for more than 30 years and arguably should have stayed there, *Suburicon* addresses timely issues of racial politics and family disunity without drawing blood or compelling conclusions. The two narrative strands of Clooney's film - bigotry and deceit - are awkwardly woven together into a tableau that can't decide whether it wants to satirise society or pass swingeing commentary on the thinly veiled ugliness behind the American dream. As a thriller, the film telegraphs its cold-blooded intentions so far in advance, the only mystery is how the police, led by Officer Hightower (Jack Conley), are blind to the skulduggery in a post-war paradise of manicured lawns, voluminous skirts and dutiful housewives. A predictable tale of crime and punishment, which oozes period style but lacks suspense and a satisfying pay-off.

DADDY'S HOME 2 (12A): The rotten apple never falls far from the tree and Sean Anders' moulder-



Jacob Tremblay as Auggie Pullman and Julia Roberts as Isabel Pullman. Picture: PA Photo/Lionsgate Films/Dale Robinette.

ing sequel to his testosterone-fuelled 2015 comedy lands with a mightier thud than its ham-fisted predecessor. Drenched in enough sickly festive spirit to make even the most ardent fan of Christmas gag and splutter "bah humbug", *Daddy's Home 2* reunites a gurning Will Ferrell and po-faced Mark Wahlberg as hapless parents with very different approaches to raising the same children. Father knows best - or loudly claims to - in Anders' script, co-written by John Morris, which ramps up the mean-spirited games of one-upmanship with the addition of an older generation of dysfunctional family members played by Mel Gibson and John Lithgow. Themes of divorce, infidelity and macho pride are clumsily flung into an unappetising mix that once again relies heavily on Ferrell's repertoire of exaggerated physical pratfalls for meek laughs. There are only so many times he can be pummelled in the face before our season of goodwill wanes.

THE STAR (U): Timothy Reckart's computer-animated road trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem glimpses the nativity through the eyes of talking four-legged and feathered critters, who will eventually congregate around the holy manger. Very young children might be scared by a sword-wielding henchman and his snarling dogs, who are dispatched to slaughter pregnant Mary (voiced by Gina Rodriguez). However, in almost every respect, Carlos Kotkin's faith-heavy script is piously and politically correct to a fault, lightening a reverential mood with groansome gags that wouldn't be out of place as Christmas cracker mottos. The Star is geared towards Christian congregations but audiences of all faiths will be able to engage with a menagerie of cute protagonists, who play instrumental roles in the birth. The script preaches thanksgiving, peace and goodwill to all (wo)men. Those sentiments, if not the quality of the filmmaking, merit a hearty hallelujah.

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Marmite popcorn - £6.99 from Firefox: Lovers of Marmite can rejoice as Firefox present Marmite flavoured popcorn. Everyone prattles on about the infamous 'Marmite Effect' but popcorn connoisseurs have finally created a foodstuff destined to bridge the great divide and convert all of the non-believers. It's a salty-sweet taste sensation that has to be munched upon to be believed.

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It's also worth remembering that hosting an open house day can encourage new buyers and sellers to register and prompt many to view properties they might have otherwise ignored.

Here, Guy gives his top tips on how to prepare for an open house day:

ALWAYS:

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Groom your garden. The front garden is often the first thing a potential viewer will see and one of the most underrated selling tools. Mow the lawn, keep plants looking fresh and colourful and put out any garden furniture for an added lifestyle touch in the back garden.

Hide your pets on the day. Respect the fact that many people might not be dog or cat lovers like you. What's more, you don't want to put off any potential buyers with a bad smell.

NEVER:

Get too involved with viewers. You are there to help potential buyers navigate their way around the house, offer tea and coffee and answer any questions they might have. Don't tell them your life

TOP TIPS: PREPARING AN OPEN HOUSE

story such as how the cat died and where it's now buried!

Get carried away with demand. Remember buyers won't say what they are truly thinking if the seller is present on the day. Most viewers will be

polite and pleasant and that could encourage a presuming seller to raise the price. Beware of falling into this trap! All your hard work could be undone if a buyer is not prepared to pay what you're asking. Prevent access from certain parts of the home

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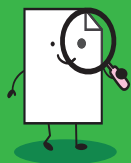
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17/01043/ADV 74 High Street, Ewell, Surrey
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17/01157/LBA 31 Prospect Place, Epsom, Surrey
Demolition of existing side extension, change of use from office to create residential unit with internal alterations.

17/01170/ADV 93 - 95 High Street, Epsom, Surrey
Erection of two internally illuminated fascia signs and two non-illuminated fascia signs

17/01171/FUL Land O/s, 93 - 95 High Street, Epsom
Construction of external seating area

17/01176/FUL The Ashley Centre, High Street, Epsom
Erection of roof top plant and associated works

17/01187/ADV Co-Op, 88 High Street, Ewell
Advertisement consent for proposed rebranded signage scheme including new fascia sign and projecting signs.

17/01201/LBA LB Lloyds Pharmacy, 127 High Street, Epsom
Reinstatement of a fire damaged building - fire damaged elements, including roofs, external elevations and associated internal elements, stripped out and reinstated on a like for like basis. External elevations will be decorated, timber repairs to windows, doors and the shop front.

17/01202/LBA La Piccola, 129 High Street, Epsom
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17/01204/LBA LB The Hub, 131 High Street, Epsom
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17/01215/FUL St Christophers School, 6 Downs Road, Epsom
Proposed enlargement of the existing single storey rear schoolroom and construction of new pitched roof. Infill of one side door and window and further associated internal alterations.

17/01222/FLH 8 Ladbroke Road, Epsom, Surrey
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17/01236/FLH 4 Adelphi Road, Epsom, Surrey
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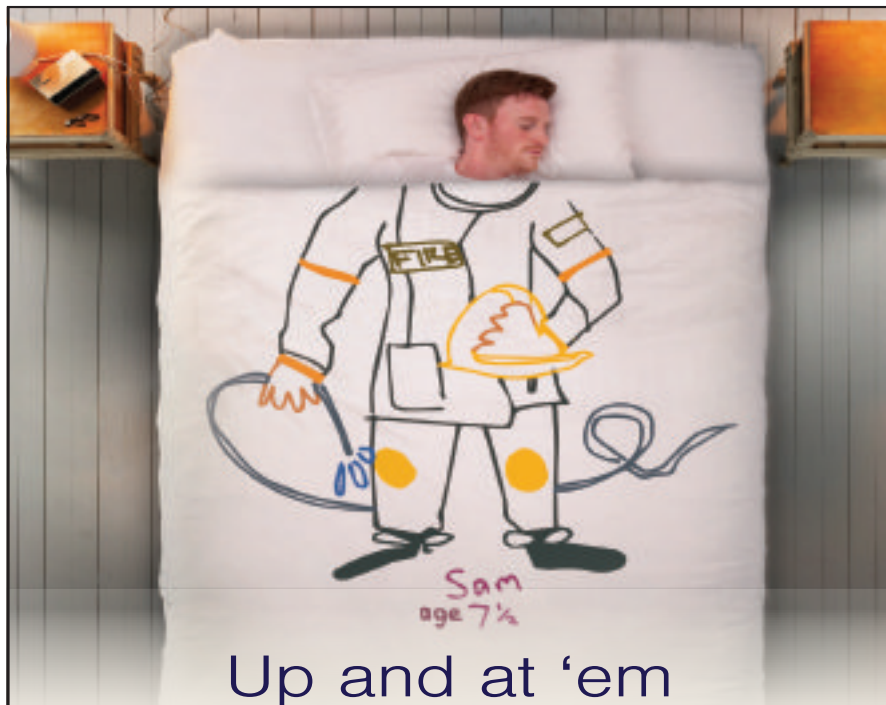
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BACKGROUND: What do you look for in an Astra-sized family hatchback? If it's driving excitement, you'll find it in a Ford Focus. If it's sheer value, then you're more likely to be drawn towards cars like Hyundai's i30 or Kia's cee'd. But what if your priorities are a bit more relaxed? You want an expensive feel. An absorbent ride. A laid back demeanour. And a car that makes you feel you're in something much nicer. Perhaps, just perhaps, you want one of these, the revised version of Peugeot's second generation 308.

Yes, we're looking at a package of facelift improvements here, but there are some genuinely significant ones, with changes to engines, transmissions and overall running cost efficiency. As before, the car runs on the PSA Group's hi-tech EMP2 ('Efficient Modular Platform 2'), underpinnings that now support a smarter, classier body. The result promises to be a car that family hatch buyers must now take very seriously indeed. Let's check it out.

EXPERIENCE: It's nice to report that the changes made to this 308 are more than skin-deep. There's an all-new 1.5-litre BlueHDi 130 diesel engine for example. And if you're able to stretch up to the 2.0-litre BlueHDi 180 diesel powerplant at the top of the range, you'll now find it mated to an all-new 8-speed automatic transmission. The brand says that its 1.2-litre three cylinder PureTech petrol engine has been extensively revised too, in pursuit of extra efficiency. Otherwise, it's as you were. Most will want the 1.6-litre

BlueHDi unit, which comes in either 100 or 120bhp guises. There's also a 2.0-litre BlueHDi engine, offered with either 150 or 180bhp. For petrol people, the engine line-up opens with an 82bhp, 1.2-litre three-cylinder PureTech unit, then there's a choice of either 110 or 130bhp versions of this same engine further up the range. Across the line-up, transmissions are fairly standard fare, with five and six-speed manuals or a six-speed torque-converter automatic. If you want something sparkier, there's a choice of the warmed-up GT model or the full-fat GTi hot hatch. The GT variant gets the older petrol 1.6 THP unit in 205bhp guise or the 2.0 BlueHDi 180 diesel unit. Go for the GTi and there's a 270bhp version of the 1.6 THP petrol powerplant. Dynamically, the 308 has never really been a car for the hard charger. Instead, it's a family hatchback that's more about refinement and a relaxed gait. The suspension carries no great surprises, with a standard front strut and rear torsion beam arrangement. Peugeot has fitted rear trailing arms that allow greater longitudinal arc in the wheel travel. It sounds esoteric but it makes for a smoother ride when the rear wheels hit ridges or bumps. The electrically-assisted power steering is geared towards ease of use rather than detailed feedback but perhaps that's just as well. It makes the 308 very comfortable around town in the sort of usage it will mostly see.

DESIGN: This revised 308 features a sleeker bonnet that flows into a vertical

PEUGEOT 308

Peugeot's latest 308 looks to have come of age, now boasting a complete range of PureTech petrol and BlueHDi diesel engines.

Jonathan Crouch reports.



grille that has a central Lion badge and the 'Peugeot' name sculpted into the upper trim. The revised elliptical headlights come with integrated daytime running light LEDs to produce a distinctive front light signature. Other design-led changes include a re-styled front bumper with three lower grille openings to ensure effective engine

cooling, while the rear lamps show a smart three-claw light signature. Plusher variants all feature a large glass roof as standard. Otherwise, things are much as before, this car exhibiting a mature, confident look. It's not trying too hard. We like that. The interior retains the 'iCockpit' design that sees the driver looking the instruments

over the top of the steering wheel. As before, there's also a 9.7-inch centre dash colour monitor incorporating 'Mirror Screen' technology which allows you to connect in your smartphone using the 'Android Auto'/'MirrorLink' or 'Apple CarPlay' systems. There's also a faster-acting

navigation system with voice control that connects into the TomTom real time traffic monitoring service. Other features are as before. The contra-rotating rev counter is a neat touch, the oversized manual gear knob less so. Space all round is more than adequate and the 470-litre boot is excellent. If you need more space, there's a 308 SW estate variant with a 660-litre boot extendable to 1,660-litres with the rear bench folded.

MARKET: Prices range in the £15,000 to £27,000 bracket and there's a choice between Access, Sportium, Active, Allure, GT Line and GT trim levels, plus a GTi hot hatch model. The two bodystyles are a five-door hatch and a spacious SW estate. Engine options range between a choice of two different 1.6-litre BlueHDi diesels, offering either 100 or 120bhp, plus there's a 2.0-litre BlueHDi unit with either 150 or 180bhp. Petrol people choose between 82, 110 or 130bhp versions of the 1.2-litre PureTech powerplant, or a turbo 1.6 THP with either 205, 250 or 270bhp. Even the most basic models include air conditioning, remote central door locking, cruise control with speed limiter, a DAB digital radio, LED day/light running lights and Bluetooth connectivity. However, if you go for base Access trim, you don't get the infotainment touchscreen that's such a key part of his 308's much improved cabin. The minimum trim requirement for this is the 'Active' level, which starts at around £18,000.



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Valkenburg leads charge for Harriers

Five athletes from Epsom & Ewell Harriers helped Surrey Schools to a resounding overall victory in a competition against seven other county teams in Warwickshire, **writes Stuart Flack**.

In the Junior Girls race for athletes in years 8 and 9, Kiara Valkenburg completed the 2 mile course in 10:54, for a comfortable win by 30 seconds.

There were also fantastic runs by year 8 athletes Sophie Lomas (8th) and Katie Bunyard (28th), as Surrey took a clear win with 38 points ahead of Warwickshire Schools with 91 points.

In the year 7 girls race, Riona Stockley finished a fine 10th and was 2nd scorer for Surrey helping the team to third behind Cheshire and Shropshire. It was a remarkably similar story in the year 7 boys race where Jake Valkenburg was also 10th, and Surrey third team but this time behind Shropshire and Cumbria.

With another win in the Junior Boys race, Surrey took victory with 487 points ahead of West Midlands and Cheshire who were joint second with 704 points.

Salts enjoy cup success at Rovers

Epsom and Ewell returned home from Gandar Green Lane on Monday having won 5-4 in a penalty shoot out against Sutton Common Rovers in the Surrey Senior Cup 2nd Round, **writes George Holland**.

Conor Young, the Salts' Keeper, saved SCR's fourth penalty, while Epsom's five penalties were clinically despatched by Rob Hendry, Scott Murphy, Adam Heagney, Taryn Smith, and Lloyd Connelly.

This victory followed last Saturday's 4-0 loss to Balham in the CCL, when Epsom were unlucky to hit the post in the second minute.

The Salts found the pacy Balham forward line very tricky to deal with and slipped to a comprehensive defeat.

Epsom will host Guildford City in the Combined Counties League this Saturday, December 2, at High Road, Chipstead. Kick-off 3pm. Entry is £7 adults, £4 concessions, £1 children.

Banstead battered and bruised

**Banstead Athletic 1
Camberley Town 2**

This match didn't start well for the home side, they were behind after just two minutes through a fine finish by Dean Rule, **writes Bob Lockyer**.

Athletic dusted themselves down and tried to get things together but there was an awful clash of two Banstead players — goalkeeper Chico Ramos and Matt O'Brien.

They both went for the same ball, O'Brien being taken to hospital in

the end, and Ramos with a bad leg injury. Both players had to be substituted by the manager.

Alex Theobald went in goal and Owen Roberts, the A's new signing, came on in place of O'Brien, not what James Cameron the A's manager wanted.

On 53 minutes a free kick was awarded to the home side which Danny Penfold took.

He bent the ball around the players in the six yard box and it ended up in the bottom right hand

corner from all of 25 yards out on the touchline.

It was certainly a lift for Banstead, but it was short lived as Rule scored his second seven minutes later after evading a tackle and he calmly slotted the ball past Theobald into the net. Athletic are now 18th in the Premier Division.

Banstead lost 5-2 at home to Leatherhead in the Surrey Senior Cup on Tuesday night and they travel to Abbey Rangers in the league on Saturday, kick-off 3pm.



Craig Dundas sends Jamie Collins' downward header into the top corner. Picture: Paul Loughlin

U's make Lions pay the penalty

by Warren Gwillym
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Goals from Craig Dundas and Tom Bolarinwa and a fine penalty save from goalkeeper Jamie Butler saw Sutton United beat Guiseley 2-0 to return to the top of the Vanarama National League on Saturday.

Dundas continued his rich vein of form by reacting first to a downward header from captain Jamie Collins to poke the ball into the net from two yards in the 13th minute.

On the half-hour, the hosts were given a chance to level after Dundas was harshly adjudged to have handled the ball in the penalty area.

Lee Molyneux stepped up to take the spot-kick but Butler dived to his left to make a magnificent save and preserve Sutton's lead.

United compounded Guiseley's misery by extending their advantage in the 36th minute.

Tom Bolarinwa traded passes with Kieron Cadogan and ran through to dink the ball over goalkeeper Jonny Maxted to put day-

light between the two sides.

It was the winger's first goal for the U's since returning to the club on a three-month loan from League Two side Grimsby Town and helped warm-up the travelling Sutton supporters on a bitterly cold afternoon in Yorkshire.

United had several chances to go further ahead in the second half. Cadogan had the best opportunity when he forced Maxted to make a good save when through on goal.

The Lions could have reduced the arrears late in the game but the inspired Butler continued his recent fine form with some vital saves to ensure a clean sheet for the U's.

Sutton were the only side in the top four to win on Saturday, so leapfrog Macclesfield, Aldershot and Dover from fourth to top spot.

However, Aldershot won 2-0 at Bromley on Tuesday night to take over the leadership of the division.

Manager Paul Doswell cast his eye over the club's younger players on Tuesday night while also giving some of the first-team a run-out in Sutton's 2-1 Surrey Senior Cup win

over Combined Counties League side Redhill.

Alfie Egan scored a fine first goal for the U's and although Gary Abisogun levelled for the Lobsters shortly afterwards, United won it with a late goal from substitute Chigozie Agwuegbu.

United have been drawn at home to Truro City in the first round of the Buildbase FA Trophy.

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Robins win six in a row

Carshalton Athletic came from behind to beat Walton Casuals at Colston Avenue on Monday night, **writes James Sterling-Barrett**.

During a bright opening by both sides, the Robins created two good chances within the space of two minutes — firstly, Mickel Miller's low cross found Ricky Korboa whom forced Denzel Gerrard into a smart save.

Then a buccaneering run saw from Miller saw him slalom past three blue shirts into the box but his angled left-footed drive flew just wide of the far post.

Casuals' top scorer Joe Kelly went in heavily on Tommy Bradford just before the half hour and both men remained on the deck for a while. Kelly was subsequently booked for his reckless challenge while being substituted with his own injury; Bradford was ok to carry on after treatment.

The Robins suffered a blow six minutes before the break as Coleman got on a loose ball about 35 yards from goal before looking up and hit a speculative effort that flew over the back-peddalling Alexandros Kozakis and underneath the crossbar.

Both sides continued to press forward after the break — Korboa thrashed a shot from distance over the bar early on, while Coleman fired in a 20-yard free kick which was parried away by Kozakis.

In the 68th minute — Raheem Sterling-Parker made a burst down the left flank and took down a forward pass. Baldwin halted his initial attempt to cross but his second found Omar Koroma between two defenders and his header beat Gerrard from 10 yards.

Peter Adeniyi came on for our goalscorer and, in the 73rd minute he made a real impact.

Adeniyi flicked a neat pass into the overlapping Bobby Price whom raced away before pulling a low cross back to the unmarked Korboa whom simply side-footed home from six yards.

Carshalton saw out the rest of the game to register a sixth win on the spin and go seven unbeaten overall.

The Robins host Cray Wanderers on Saturday December 2 before traveling to Molesey on Friday, December 8.



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